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TO: Chairman Bales
Senate Finance and Claims Committee

RE: HB128 Revise appropriations for aerospace and technology projects

Dear Chairman Bales and Committee Members:

The Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA) represents over 200 professionals who work for local economic development organizations across the state of Montana. We are professional "lead" economic developers, business specialists, government employees, and staff members of affiliated non-profit organizations which promote and foster economic development activities in Montana.

MEDA encourages your support of HB128. This bill corrects existing statute language in the Aerospace Transportation and Technology Bond program. Aerospace is an important and growing high wage industry in Montana. This program supports infrastructure development for major aerospace developments at no cost to the state.

Thank you for your support,

Jim Davison
 President

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